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The 15th Federal Forecasters Conference

September 28, 2006

Aging: Implications for Forecasting

As the population of the United States and other major countries continues to age, policy makers at every level face major challenges in providing needed services while maintaining economic prosperity. A graying society has major effects on the dynamics of our economic and societal activities including the composition of the labor force, the nature of jobs to be filled, and the demands for goods and services including health care, pension benefits, and other public services. The implications of this aging phenomenon on forecasting in the public sector are equally profound affecting both the input side and the output side of many projection models. The 2006 Federal Forecasters Conference seeks to highlight key aspects of how forecasting must account for the aging trend which demographers have long seen coming.

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June 14, 2006 Abstract Submission and Contest Entry Deadlines
September 7, 2006 Conference Registration Deadline

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The FFC/2006 Organizing Committee invites you to present a paper at one of the afternoon concurrent sessions. Please note papers are not restricted to the official conference theme and may cover any subject relating to forecasting or estimation. In a break from previous conferences, individual agencies are not expected to organize entire sessions. Instead, related papers will be grouped by the Organizing Committee. However, it is still critical that individual agencies encourage and generate a number of submissions. The papers are to be a maximum of 12 pages long, including references, tables, charts, and appendices. Individual presentations of the papers will be limited to 15 to 20 minutes in length. Please send your abstract of 100 or fewer words to lawhorn.william@bls.gov by June 14, 2006.

All presenters must provide an electronic copy of their paper in a WORD file by September 28, 2006 to ensure their paper's inclusion in the conference proceedings. See below for the required format. All papers presented in the afternoon concurrent sessions and provided in accordance with the guidelines will be published as Papers and Proceedings of the 2006 Federal Forecasters Conference. A panel of judges will determine the best paper presented during the concurrent sessions and recognition will be awarded at the next subsequent Federal Forecasters Conference.

Title Centered in 12-Point Bold Times New Roman Type

Author and organization centered in normal 10-point Times New Roman

Please compose, format, and spell check your document in MS Word software. All text should be presented in a double-column format in normal 10-point Times New Roman type, and columns should be square. Left and right margins must be 1" and the spacing between the two columns must be 0.2".

Text should be single-spaced, with double spacing between paragraphs. Small tables and figures may be included in the column text but all larger tables and figures should be placed at the end of the document in single column format.

Please remember that the maximum length of your paper is 12 pages. You may refer to the FFC/2005

Proceedings volume for examples of the acceptable paper format (available at www.federalforecasters.org).

All presenters must provide an electronic draft of their papers in a WORD file by September 28, 2006. Final versions of the papers must be submitted by October 27, 2006. Please e-mail all papers to Bill Lawhorn at lawhorn.william@bls.gov. We will translate your final paper into an Adobe Acrobat PDF file for final publication.

Failure to conform to these simple guidelines may result in your paper being omitted from the FFC/2006 Proceedings volume.

Announcing
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BLS Conference and Training Center
Registration Form -- Due by September 7, 2006

There is no charge for participation. Please share this form with your colleagues.

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Return this information by **September 7, 2006** to Terry Manzi, FFC/2006 Registrar.

E-mail registration is preferred and can be sent to: terry.manzi@irs.gov.

Fax registration with cover page is also possible at 202-874-0613.

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For more information, call FFC Committee Chair Mitra Toossi at 202- 691-5721.

FFC/2006
Federal Forecasters Forecasting Contest
Deadline: June 14, 2006

Name: _____

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Address: _____

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Please submit forecasts of the following five items in the same format as the examples. Submission instructions below. The forecasts will be judged by the ranking method (analysis of variance by ranks).

1. The unemployment rate for the month of August 2006.
(**Example:** For February 2006, the national unemployment rate was 4.8%)
2. The production of low-fat soft ice cream in the US in May 2006, thousand gallons.
(**Example:** In November 2005, the amount produced was 18,150 thousand gallons)
3. The average temperature at Reagan National Airport for August 27, 2006.
(**Example:** On November 18, 2004, the low temperature 48°F and the high temperature was 63°F, so the average was 55.5 °F.)
4. The box office gross for the film making the most money for the weekend of September 1-4, 2006.
(**Example:** The box office gross of Madea's Family Reunion was \$30,030,661 for the February 24 through February 26, 2006 weekend. Madea's Family Reunion was the lead money maker for that weekend.)
5. The closing price/barrel of crude oil on August 27, 2006.
(**Example:** Price closed at 63.38/barrel on Thursday March 16, 2006)

The winner will be announced at the FFC Conference on September 28, 2006. All entries must be e-mailed by June 14, 2006 to Brian Sloboda at brian.sloboda@dot.gov. For more information, e-mail Brian or call him at (202) 366-5342. Each individual will receive confirmation of receipt of his/her submission upon receipt. Only one entry per person. All contest entries are confidential. FFC Organizing Committee members are not eligible.